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REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CLAIM OF PRIORITY

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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowability dated November 25, 2003, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner acknowledge perfection of the Applicants' claim for foreign priority under 35 USC §119 in the above-referenced U.S. patent application.

Applicants filed a claimed priority on February 1, 2002. A copy of the Claim of Priority is submitted herewith.

As a result, it is submitted that the Applicants' claim for foreign priority has been perfected, and acknowledgment of such is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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CLAIM OF PRIORITY UNDER 35 USC 119

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Applicants in the above-entitled application hereby claim the date of priority under the International Convention of Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-362559, filed November 29, 2000, as acknowledged in the Declaration of this application.

A certified copy of said Japanese Patent Application is submitted herewith.

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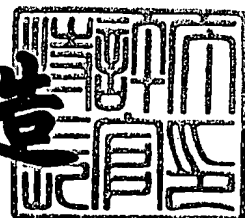
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